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QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 143604

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E.O. 11652:GDS

TAGS: EAGR, EG

SUBJECT: EGYPTIAN REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE IN COMBATTING
COTTON WORM

REF:(A) CAIRO 4579; (B) CAIRO 4653; (C) CAIRO 4746.

1. YOU MAY CONVEY TO FAHMI OUR WILLINGESS TO ASSIST
ON COTTON WORM PROBLEM. REYNOLDS AND FALCON UNAVAILABLE
BUT WE ARE CURRENTLY WORKING OUT ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE
DISPATCH OF TWO WELL-QUALIFIED ENTOMOLOGISTS, DR. THEODORE
WATSON, UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA AND DR. WINFIELD STERLING,
TEXAS A AND M, TO STUDY SITUATION. ETA CAIRO TWA 910 ARR JULY 6
AT 1955 HOURS. WE ARE ALSO IN CONTACT WITH CHEMICAL
COMPANIES MENTIONED REFTELS B AND C TO EXPLORE AVAILABILITY
OF CHEMICAL SPRAYS AND DELIVERY POSSIBILITIES. WILL ADVISE
RESULTS SOONEST. ASSUME EGYPTIANS WILL FINANCE PESTICIDES
FROM OWN RESOURCES.

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2. IF FAHMI HAS NO OBJECTION WE PROPOSE TO MAKE

FOLLOWING ANNOUNCEMENT THROUGH DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN: QUOTE: THE EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT HAS INFORMED US OF ITS NEED FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN EXAMINING A SERIOUS COTTON WORM BLIGHT THAT IS ENDANGERING EGYPT'S CURRENT CROP. THIS IS RECURRENT PROBLEM IN EGYPT AS WELL AS OTHER COUNTRIES, AND US INTERESTED IN SEEKING TECHNICAL SOLUTION. IN KEEPING WITH STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES ON EGYPTIAN-US COOPERATION ISSUED AT THE CONCLUSION OF PRESIDENT NIXON'S VISIT TO EGYPT, THE U.S. WILL SOON BE SENDING TWO EXPERTS TO STUDY THE SITUATION, AND ADVISE THE EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT ON HOW IT MIGHT DEAL WITH THE SITUATION. UNQUOTE

3. PLEASE REPORT FAHMI'S REACTION.
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